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Preliminary Amendment

Before Examining this application, please amend the application as detailed below.

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert a first paragraph as follows:

-- This patent application is a continuation of application no. 09/779,611, filed on February 9, 2001, which is a continuation of application no. 09/550,111, filed on April 14, 2000, which is a continuation of application no. 08/721,509, filed on September 26, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,160,597), where application no. 08/721,509 is a continuation of application no. 08/489,865, filed on June 13, 1995, and is also a continuation-in-part of application no. 08/194,234, filed on February 10, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,602,661). The contents of application no. 09/779,611, filed on February 9, 2001, are incorporated by reference herein. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.


Remarks

Claim 1 is pending in this application. If any fee is needed for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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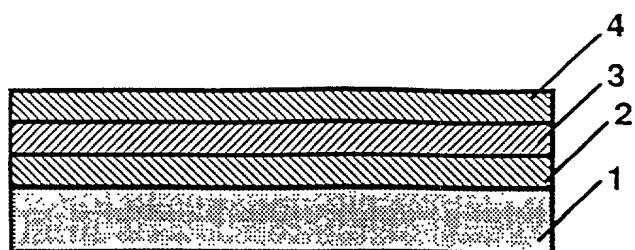


Fig. 1

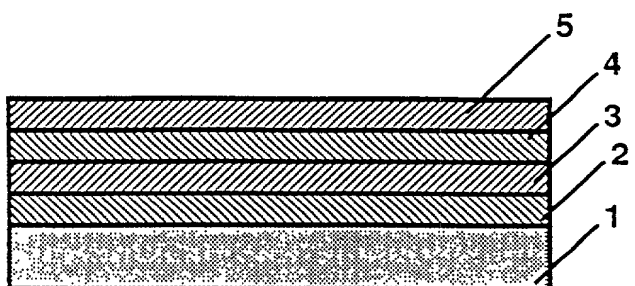


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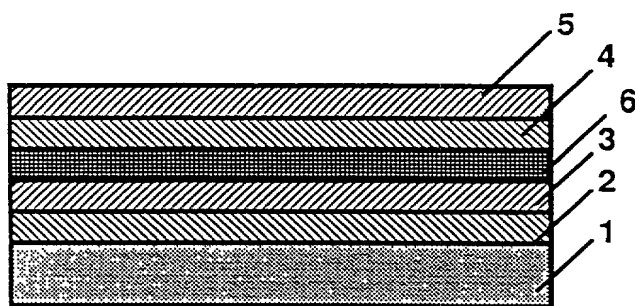


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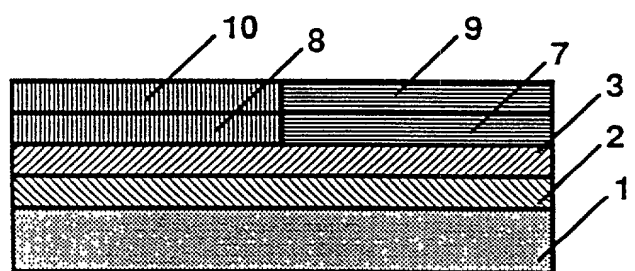


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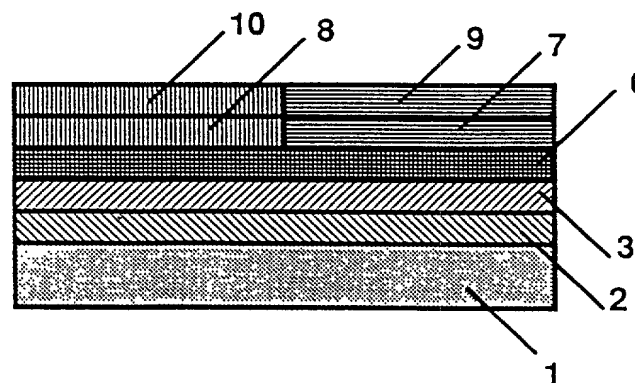


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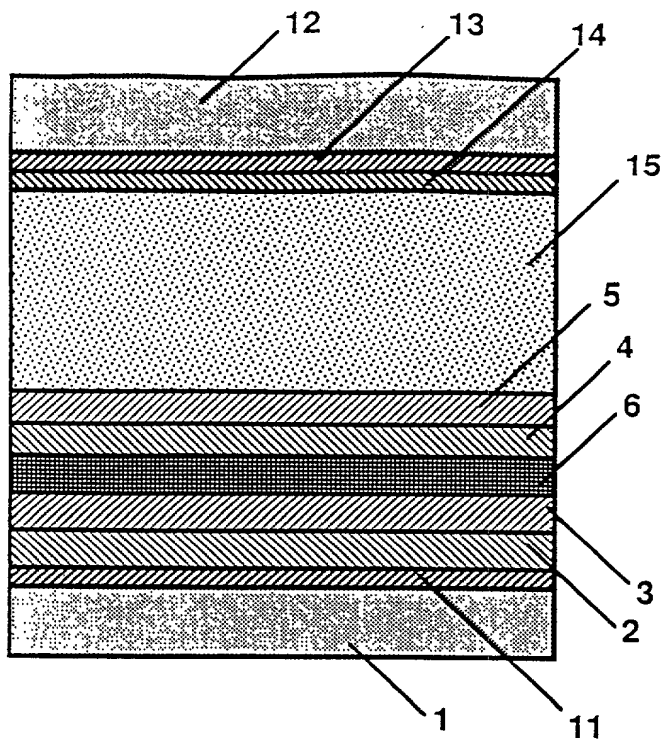


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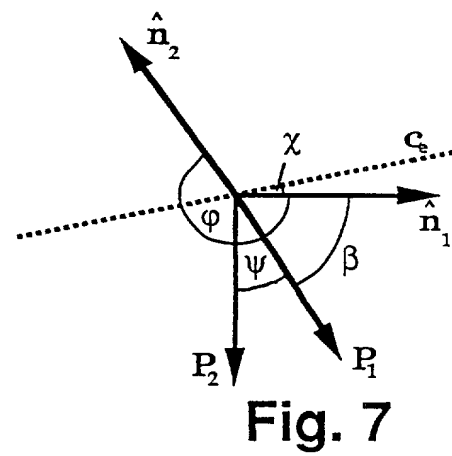
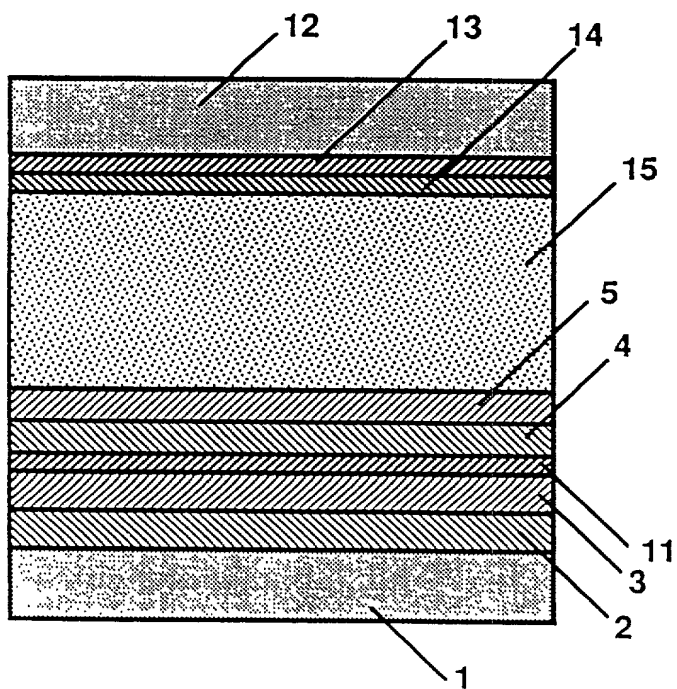


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